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To the Members of the Environment Committee:

On behalf of Laurelbrook Farm, we regret that we are unable to take this opportunity to be here in person today in support of bills number 5272, 5483 and 5504. These bills are vital to our family's future in the dairy industry. If it wasn't due to a death of a close family friend, we would be here today to show our support. It wasn't that long ago we were here asking for your support on similar legislation that would help to stabilize the volatile markets that we are experiencing in the dairy industry. I feel that it is time to put a good legislative foundation in place to stabilize the industry that benefits everyone in Connecticut. We need to build economic confidence in our business to allow us to uphold the integrity of supplying our community with high quality, fresh, local dairy products that are produced in landscapes that we all enjoy. Programs like the ones listed in these bills will provide us with the confidence needed to keep our business viable in Connecticut. I realize that we are all in a time of economic uncertainty, and I would like to thank you for your continued support of our industry.

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